

In America, we have to be very careful that there is a true line between the impartial press and coverage presented by broadcasting. We have laws in our country that make our elections, and the surrounding campaigns, fair. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of these blurred lines.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves to sell their political agenda without the fair and balanced reporting of also providing information about the opposition, we get less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions may be a clear violation of federal election laws and show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Sinclair needs to send a clear signal that this type of broadcasting is illegal and inappropriate. Thank you.